



## Lafayette Police Department Press Release



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For Immediate Release:

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Lafayette, IN: On February 27, 2011 at 8:35 PM, Lafayette Police Department was dispatched to a hit and run pedestrian injury crash at the intersection of State Rd 25 W and S. Beck Lane. The vehicle involved in the crash has been described as a dark colored SUV or pick up truck. The vehicle was last seen traveling westbound on State Rd 25 W.

The pedestrian struck has died from her injuries. She has been identified as Ebony Knight, age 15, living in the 300 block of State Rd 25 W, Lafayette, IN 47909.

Anyone with information about the vehicle involved or the driver involved is encouraged to contact Hit and Run Specialist Technician Matt Devine at 765-807-1292 or the WeTip hot line.

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### UPDATE:

Arrested: Kirts, Robert Vernon II, age 42, of 10 Royal Oaks MHP, Lafayette, IN 47909.

Suspect Vehicle: Black 2002 Jeep Liberty

Charge: Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Crash, C Felony Indiana Code 9-26-1-8

Lafayette, IN: On February 28, 2011, at 3:31 PM Lafayette Police Officer Matt Wilkerson, 8 year veteran, was checking County Road 275 South for the suspected vehicle involved in the fatal crash yesterday. Officer Wilkerson observed a black Jeep Liberty with front end damage at the address of 10 Royal Oaks.

The owner of the vehicle Robert Kirts came outside to see what the officer was checking. Mr. Kirts was taken into custody. The vehicle was impounded to Jim's Garage.

Mr. Kirts is charged with Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Crash.

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